

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Paul Cha on 11/12/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims

In claim 1, line 1, after the phrase "A cutoff device" and before the comma, the following has been inserted --for a dredger--.

In claim 1, line 3, after the phrase "at a lower end thereof;" and before the phrase "a flexible liquid bag", the following has been inserted --a discharge pipe located at an upper end of the cover;--.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NICHOLAS A. WILBUR whose telephone number is (571)270-5746. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30 AM- 4 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Bagnell can be reached on (571)272-6999. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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